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SUBJECT: DOINT DEMARCHE TO SOUTH AFRICA ON NAMIBIA FOR AMBASSADOR

THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF JOINT US, UK AND FRENCH AIDE MEMOIRE TO BE PRESENTED BY AMBASSADORS OF THREE COUNTRIES TO FOREIGN MINISTER MULLER IN PRETORIA SOONEST. INSTRUCTIONS, PRESS GUIDANCE, AND ORAL TALKING POINTS BEING PROVIDED SEPTEL.

1. THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAVE AGAIN CONSIDERED THE PROBLEM OF NAMIBIA IN THE LIGHT OF THEIR SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES CONFIDENTIAL

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AS PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE UNITED

NATIONS.

2. THE THREE GOVERNMENTS REAFFIRM THE PRINCIPLES SET OUT IN THE TRIPARTITE DEMARCHE OF 22 APRIL 1975. THEY HAVE NOTED THE POINTS MADE IN DR. MULLER'S LETTER OF 27 MAY TO THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL WHICH ALSO ENCLOSED EXCERPTS FROM THE SPEECH MADE BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER AT WINDHOEK ON 20 MAY, AND ACKNOWLEDGE AS POSITIVE ELEMENTS THE CLEAR STATEMENT THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT ACCEPTS THE OAU POSITION ON SELF-DETERMINATION, INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, AND THE WILLINGNESS EXPRESSED BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT TO ENTER INTO CONTACT WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND OF THE OAU.

THE THREE GOVERNMENTS HOWEVER CONSIDER THAT SUBSTANTIAL FURTHER PROGRESS IS URGENTLY REQUIRED ON THE FOLLOWING LINES.

- 3. THE THREE GOVERNMENTS URGE THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE REPRESENTATIVES OF ETHNIC GROUPS WHICH ARE NOW IN PROGRESS ARE REGARDED AS ADVISORY RATHER THAN DEFINITIVE AND THAT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE A SINGLE ELECTORAL PROCESS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE TERRITORY AS A WHOLE SO THAT EVERY INHABITANT WILL HAVE A VOTE IN DETERMINING THE POLITICAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL FUTURE OF THE TERRITORY.
- 4. THE THREE GOVERNMENTS URGE THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT TO CONSULT WITH THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL ON MEANS TO ENSURE UN SUPERVISION OF THIS ELECTORAL PROCESS.
- 5. THE THREE GOVERNMENTS REITERATE THEIR VIEW THAT ALL POLITICAL GROUPS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO CAMPAIGN AND PARTICIPATE PEACEFULLY IN THE SELF-DETERMINATION PROCESS. THEY CONSIDER THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THESE GROUPS WILL NOT BE LIMITED TO ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTING PEOPLE ON AN ETHNIC BASIS AND WILL SPECIFICALLY INCLUDE NON-TRIBAL POLITICAL ORGANIZATION THUS SWAPO AND THE NAMIBIAN NATIONAL CONVENTION AMONG CONFIDENTIAL

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OTHERS WOULD BE ENTITLED TO PARTICIPATE.

6. THEY CONSIDER THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR THAT, IN THE COURSE OF THE SELF-DETERMINATION PROCESS, THEY WILL NOT TRY TO INFLUENCE THE CHOICE OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE TERRITORY IN THE DIRECTION OF SPLITTING IT UP BUT WILL BRING NAMIBIA TO INDEPENDENCE AS ONE STATE, UNLESS THE INHABITANTS SHOULD

FREELY CHOOSE OTHERWISE.

- 7. THE THREE GOVERNMENTS URGE ON THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT THE IMPORTANCE OF RELEASING NAMIBIANS WHO ARE IMPRISONED FOR OFFENCES OF A POLITICAL CHARACTER AND OF PERMITTING ALL NAMIBIANS CURRENTLY IN EXILE FOR POLITICAL REASONS TO RETURN TO NAMIBIA WITHOUT RISK OF ARREST, DETENTION, INTIMIDATION OR IMPRISONMENT SUCH ACTIONS WOULD DEMONSTRATE THE SERIOUSNESS OF SOUTH AFRICA'S STATED INTENTION TO ALLOW FREE POLITICAL ACTIVITY IN THE TERRITORY.
- 8. THE THREE GOVERNMENTS NOTE WITH APPROVAL (HAVE NOTED) RECENT ACTIONS TO ELIMINATE CERTAIN FORMS OF PETTY APARTHEID IN NAMIBIA. THEY URGE SOUTH AFRICA TO ABOLISH THE APPLICATION IN NAMIBIA OF ALL RACIALLY DISCRIMINATORY AND POLITICALLY REPRESSIVE LAWS AND PRACTICES. END TEXT

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